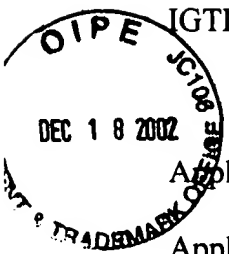


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Appl. No. : 057500,095

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For : **BONUS SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF AWARDING A BONUS**

Examiner : Jessica Harrison

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002 with respect to the above-referenced application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-18.

Please insert the following new claims:

19. A method of awarding a bonus at a gaming machine in order to increase play at one or more gaming machines comprising:

providing at least one gaming machine having a player tracking device including a card reader, a keypad, and at least one display, said player tracking device configured to receive information regarding game play at said gaming device;